

IN THE CLAIMS

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1. (Original) A retainer apparatus for attaching a component to a vehicle structure comprising:

a molded component including a base portion defining a bottom surface having at least one attachment member for attachment to a vehicle structural component, said attachment member being integrally formed as one piece with said base portion;

said attachment member including a cylindrical body portion extending out from said bottom surface to a distal end having a retention member that cooperates with the vehicle structure component to retain said molded component to the vehicle structure; and

said retention member including a plurality flanges spaced apart from one another and extending out radially from said cylindrical body portion.

2. (Original) An apparatus as set forth in claim 1 wherein said attachment member and said base portion are interconnected by at least one continuous unbroken surface.

3. (Original) An apparatus as set forth in claim 2 wherein said attachment member extends in a direction traverse to said bottom surface.

4. (Original) An apparatus as set forth in claim 1 including a pad formed about at least a portion of said cylindrical body portion by a lower mold portion and wherein said base portion defines a top surface facing opposite from said bottom surface and including at least one opening extending through said base portion from said top surface to said bottom surface

adjacent said cylindrical body portion, said opening for receiving an upper mold portion at a predetermined distance apart from said lower mold portion wherein flange thickness is defined by said predetermined distance.

5. (Original) An apparatus as set forth in claim 1 wherein said plurality of flanges comprises three flanges spaced approximately ninety degrees apart from one another.

6. (Original) An apparatus as set forth in claim 1 including at least one pad integrally formed in said bottom surface about at least a portion of the circumference of said cylindrical body.

7. (Original) An air cleaner housing assembly comprising:

a main housing component;

a base component connectible to said main housing component and defining a bottom surface having at least one attachment member for attachment to a vehicle structure, said attachment member being integrally formed as one piece with said base portion;

said attachment member including a cylindrical body portion with a base extending to a distal end having a retention member that cooperates with the vehicle structure to retain said base component to said vehicle structure; and

said retention member including a plurality flanges spaced apart from one another and extending out radially from said cylindrical body portion.

8. (Original) A housing assembly as set forth in claim 7 wherein said attachment member and said base are interconnected by at least one continuous unbroken surface.

9. (Original) A housing assembly as set forth in claim 8 wherein said base component defines a top surface facing opposite from said bottom surface and including at least one opening extending through said base component from said top surface to said bottom surface adjacent said base, said opening for receiving a first mold portion to form said flanges.

10. (Original) A housing assembly as set forth in claim 9 including a pad portion extending outwardly from said bottom surface and being integrally formed about at least a portion of the circumference of said base by a second mold portion, said pad portion defining an engagement surface that cooperates with said vehicle structure.

11. (Original) A housing assembly as set forth in claim 10 wherein said vehicle structure includes a grommet mounted to a vehicle structural component, said retention member being inserted into said grommet with said engagement surface cooperating with said grommet to accommodate variable grommet heights.

12. (Original) A housing assembly as set forth in claim 8 wherein said plurality of flanges comprises three flanges spaced approximately ninety degrees apart from one another.

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